RESOLUTION NO. 2006-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLAN FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, Coachella Valley Water District has been a member of the Salton Sea Authority since 1993 and has fully participated in all aspects of the Authority's programs, including the development of the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" ("Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, Coachella Valley Water District finds that the Salton Sea Authority

Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Riverside and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is consistent with Coachella Valley Water District's policies and programs, in particular the Coachella Valley Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of Coachella Valley Water District, its constituents, and those living and working in the Riverside and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has developed a community outreach program to inform the citizens and businesses in the Riverside and Imperial Valleys about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any plan to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District as follows:

- The Coachella Valley Water District hereby supports the "Salton Sea Authority
 Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the District's preferred plan for restoration and
 revitalization of the Salton Sea; and
- Coachella Valley Water District encourages the State of California and the
 Department of the Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred
 alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and
- 3. Coachella Valley Water District encourages the Salton Sea Authority to conduct a community outreach program to fully inform citizens and businesses in the Riverside and Imperial Valleys about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan, and to assist them in participating in the state and federal process; and
- Coachella Valley Water District encourages cities and counties and other entities to join with it in support of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan.

ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2006.

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President of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

I, JULIA HERNANDEZ, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2006-152 adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 11th day of July, 2006, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2006.

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